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1. UK recognition of Bao Dai imminent--Embassy London has been informed by the UK Foreign Office that it will announce recognition of Bao Dai's regime in Vietnam, together with the governments at Laos and Cambodia, as "associated states" of the French Union on or shortly after 7 February 1950. The Foreign Office points out that although a number of special problems arise from the fact that the three Indochinese states are not "fully independent," overriding political considerations assure UK recognition. Meanwhile, Embassy Belgrade expresses the belief that the Government of Yugoslavia will extend recognition in the near future to the rival pro-Communist Vietnamese regime under Ho Chi Minh.

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